

Richland County Blue Ribbon Committee

February 18, 2016

Recovery Operations and Next Steps



Agenda Overview



Introductions

Actions from Council Retreat

Review and Recommend for Approval HMGP Projects in Priority Order

Kick-off Meeting for the Long Term Recovery Plan

Next Steps

Introductions

Your Name and Organization



Actions from Council Retreat



Staff Recommendation: Demobilize Lower Richland Operations Center



- Consider demobilization of the Lower Richlands County Operations Center (LROC).
 - No walk-in traffic since the week of Christmas (see next slide).
 - Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOADs) have taken over this role. VOADs are well equipped to effectively and efficiently manage this responsibility.
 - No walk-in traffic since the week of Christmas (see next slide).
 - Demobilizing the LROC would return one County employee to their regular job.

(ACTION REQUESTED)

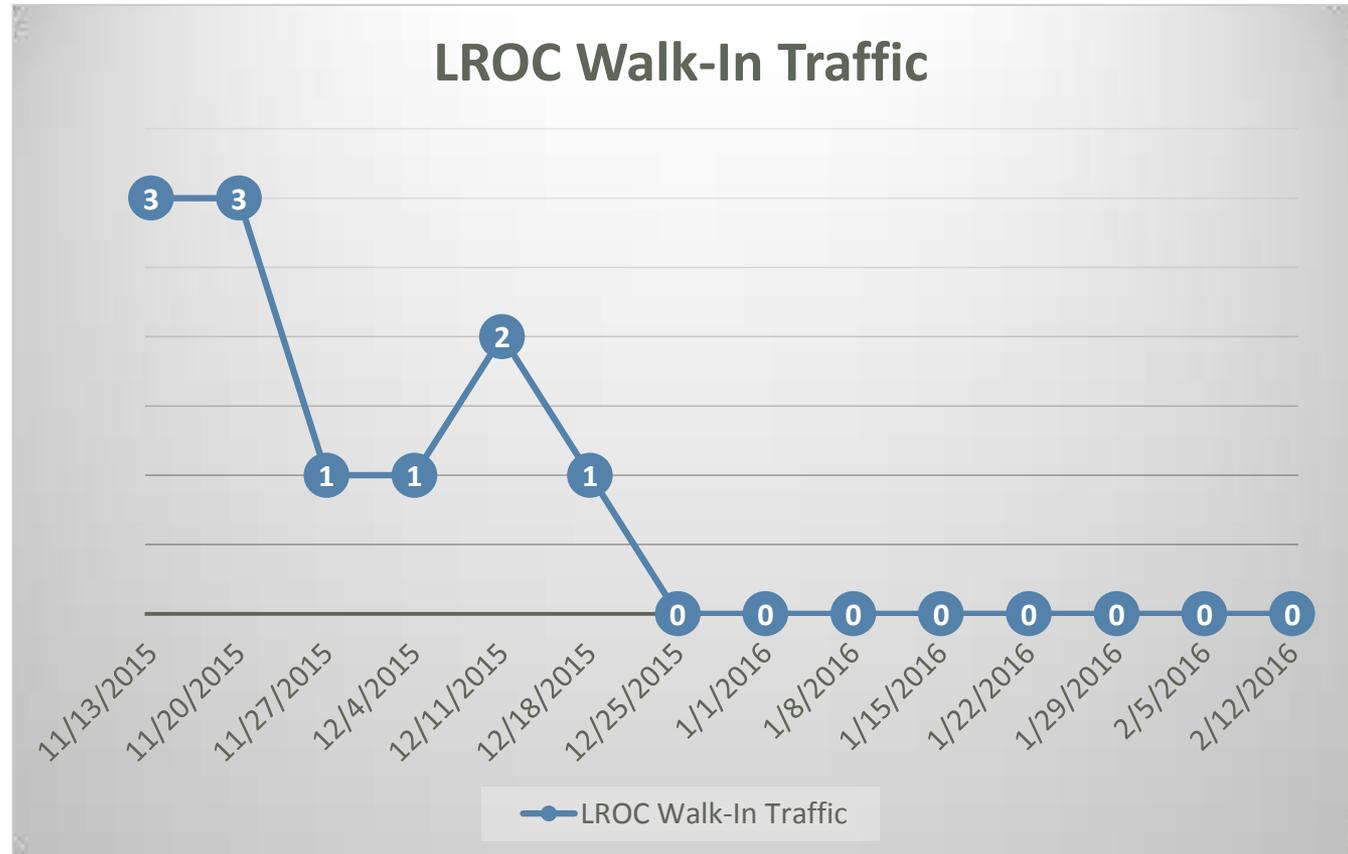
Lower Richlands Operations Center Walk-Ins



(as of Feb. 17, 2016)

LROC Walk-In Traffic

Week	Activity
11/13/15	3
11/20/15	3
11/27/15	1
12/04/15	1
12/11/15	2
12/18/15	1
12/25/15	0*
01/01/16	0
01/08/16	0*
01/15/16	0
01/22/16	0
01/29/16	0
02/05/16	0
02/12/16	0



Note: * Does not include water test kits and samples being picked up or dropped off

Staff Recommendation: Demobilize Donated Goods Warehouse



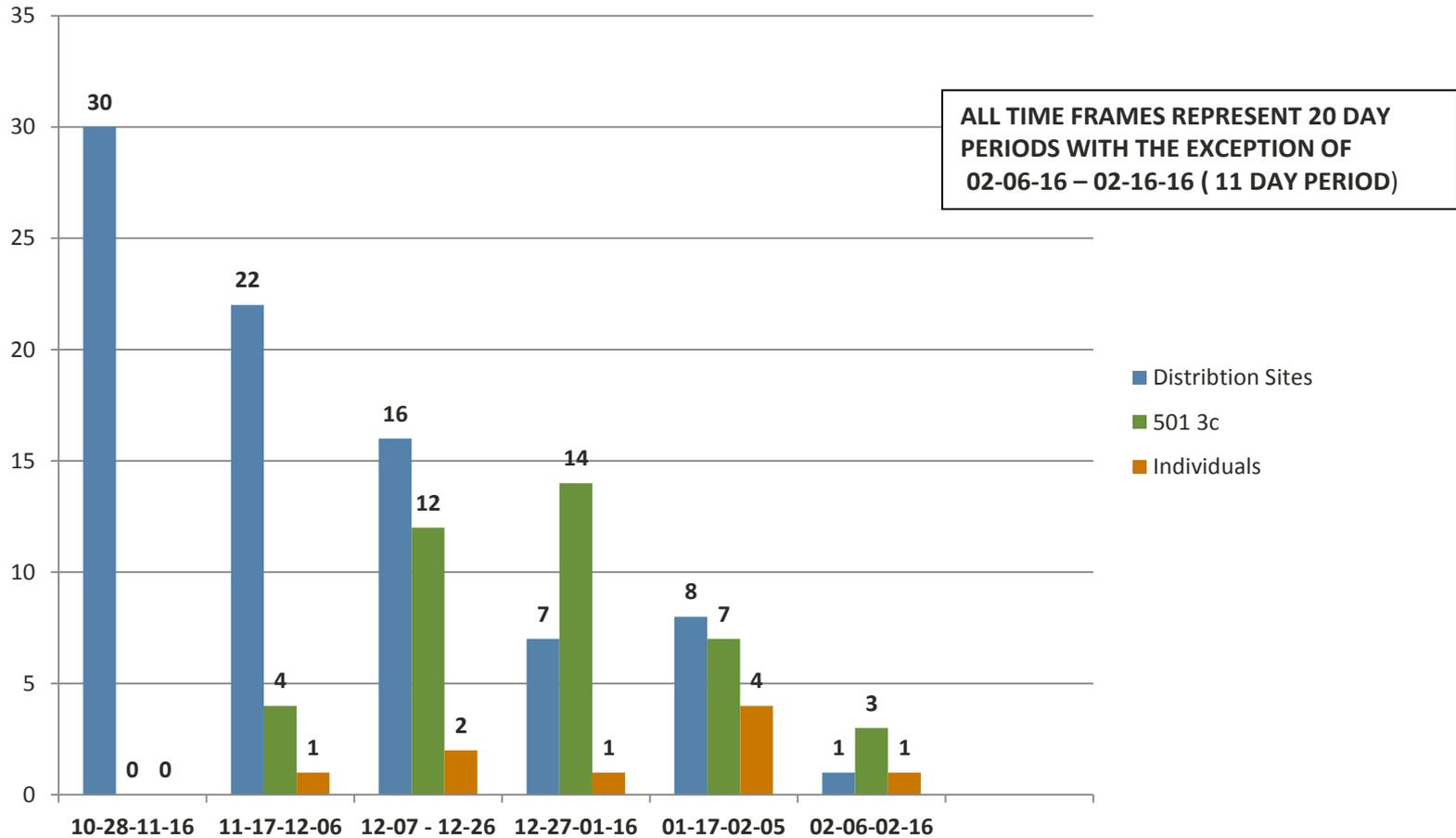
- Consider demobilization of the County Donated Goods Relief Supply Warehouse transferring that function to the Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG).
 - Distributions to distribution sites decline as distributions to volunteer organizations - 501(c)3's, (see next slide).
 - Volunteer organizations are well equipped to effectively and efficiently manage this responsibility.

(ACTION REQUESTED)

Distributions from the Warehouse



RICHLAND COUNTY DISASTER RELIEF SUPPLY WAREHOUSE DISTRIBUTION INDICES - 10-28-15 to 02-16-16



Staff Recommendation: Hire a Community Recovery Specialist



- Hire (at no cost to the County) a Community Recovery Specialist. This is a temporary position with a duration of over 150 days paid for by FEMA.
 - No cost to the County.
 - Temporary position that will end when the grant expires.
 - Position will assist with managing and resolving unmet needs.

(ACTION REQUESTED)

Staff Recommendation: Approve Updating Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP)



- Continue to work with the Council of Governments (COG) to update the Richland County portion of the Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) before the existing plan expires in August 2016.
 - Required plan for the County to be eligible for HMGP funds.

(ACTION REQUESTED)

Staff Recommendation: Be Prepared to Approve Completed HMP



- Be prepared to quickly approve the updated HMP once it is completed.

(ACTION REQUESTED)

Review and Recommend for Approval HMGP Projects in Priority Order



Approved Category Selection Criteria (in priority order)



1. Voluntary Residential Property Acquisition/Buyouts
2. Storm Water Drainage Management
3. Housing Reconstruction/Rehabilitation
4. Voluntary Non-Residential Property Acquisition/Buyouts
5. Data/Offsite IT Infrastructure
6. Flood Studies
7. Mitigation of Flood Damage to Fire Suppression Water Capacity Systems
8. Conservation Easements
9. Public Outreach
10. Replacing County Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

Voluntary Residential Property Acquisition

25% Local Share



- Example Residential Property Acquisition
 - Pre-Disaster Property Assessment = \$100,000
 - Cost to Acquire Property = \$27,600
 - Title Services = \$2,500
 - Demo = \$10,000
 - Lot Clearing = \$1,000
 - Asbestos Abatement = \$2,500
 - Survey = \$800
 - Appraisal = \$800
 - Construction and Project Management = \$10,000
 - Total Cost to Acquire Property and Clear Lot = \$127,600
 - Federal Share (75%) = \$95,700
 - Local Share (25%) = \$31,900
- Who Pays the Local Share and Who Gets What Portion of the \$95,700?

Voluntary Residential Property Acquisition

25% Local Share - Three Options



- 1) State Appropriation (currently under consideration)
 - State funds cover the \$31,900 Local Share
 - Homeowner Receives \$100,000 (full value)
 - County Receives \$27,600 (project costs)
- 2) CDBG-DR Grant
 - CDBG-DR Grant pays the \$31,900 Local Share
 - Property Owner Receives \$100,000 (full value)
 - County Receives \$27,600 (made whole for all costs incurred)
- 3) Property Owner Pays the required match (25% of Assessed Pre-Disaster Value) AND 25% of Project Costs
 - Homeowner Receives \$68,100
 - Starting Value \$100,000
 - Match \$25,000
 - Project costs (estimated) \$6,900
 - Net Payout to Property Owner \$68,100

State Funding Consideration



- The Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee may want to consider recommending that Council approve a Resolution requesting that the State appropriate funding to the County in an amount that is commensurate with the level of damage our County incurred as a result of the flood. If approved by Council, the Resolution can be forwarded to our delegation for consideration.

(ACTION REQUESTED)

Long-Term Recovery Plan Kick-off Meeting



RECOVERY CONTINUUM – DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES BY PHASE



SIZE AND SCOPE OF DISASTER AND RECOVERY EFFORTS

DISASTER

PREPAREDNESS ONGOING



SHORT-TERM
DAYS

INTERMEDIATE
WEEKS-MONTHS

LONG-TERM
MONTHS-YEARS

PRE-DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

- Examples include:
- Pre-disaster recovery planning
 - Mitigation planning and implementation
 - Community capacity- and resilience-building
 - Conducting disaster preparedness exercises
 - Partnership building
 - Articulating protocols in disaster plans for services to meet the emotional and health care needs of adults and children

SHORT-TERM RECOVERY

- Examples include:
- Mass care/sheltering
 - Provide integrated mass care and emergency services
 - Debris
 - Clear primary transportation routes
 - Business
 - Establish temporary or interim infrastructure to support business reopenings
 - Emotional/psychological
 - Identify adults and children who benefit from counseling or behavioral health services and begin treatment
 - Public health and health care
 - Provide emergency and temporary medical care and establish appropriate surveillance protocols
 - Mitigation activities
 - Access and understand risks and vulnerabilities

INTERMEDIATE RECOVERY

- Examples include:
- Housing
 - Provide accessible interim housing solutions
 - Debris/infrastructure
 - Initiate debris removal
 - Plan immediate infrastructure repair and restoration
 - Business
 - Support reestablishment of businesses where appropriate
 - Support the establishment of business recovery one-stop centers
 - Emotional/psychological
 - Engage support networks for ongoing care
 - Public health and health care
 - Ensure continuity of care through temporary facilities
 - Mitigation activities
 - Inform community members of opportunities to build back stronger

LONG-TERM RECOVERY

- Examples include:
- Housing
 - Develop permanent housing solutions
 - Infrastructure
 - Rebuild infrastructure to meet future community needs
 - Business
 - Implement economic revitalization strategies
 - Facilitate funding to business rebuilding
 - Emotional/psychological
 - Follow-up for ongoing counseling, behavioral health, case management services
 - Public health and health care
 - Reestablishment of disrupted health care facilities
 - Mitigation activities
 - Implement mitigation strategies

This recovery continuum describes overlapping recovery activities by phase.

Long Term Recovery Plan (LTRP) - Overview



Goals of the LTRP process

- Establish a road map for long term recovery
- Complement (not duplicate) current recovery efforts (HMGP etc.)
- Identify critical issues and unmet needs
- Develop and prioritize projects and actions to address immediate needs and opportunities for long term resilience
- Secure broad funding assistance
- Maximize recovery and resilience value of limited resources



Long Term Recovery Project Types



- Broad range of potential project types
- Combination of immediate recovery actions and long term resiliency projects
 - Infrastructure
 - Housing
 - Economic Development
 - Training and Education
 - Regulatory updates
 - Emergency response improvements
 - Improved planning
 - Administrative and operational improvements

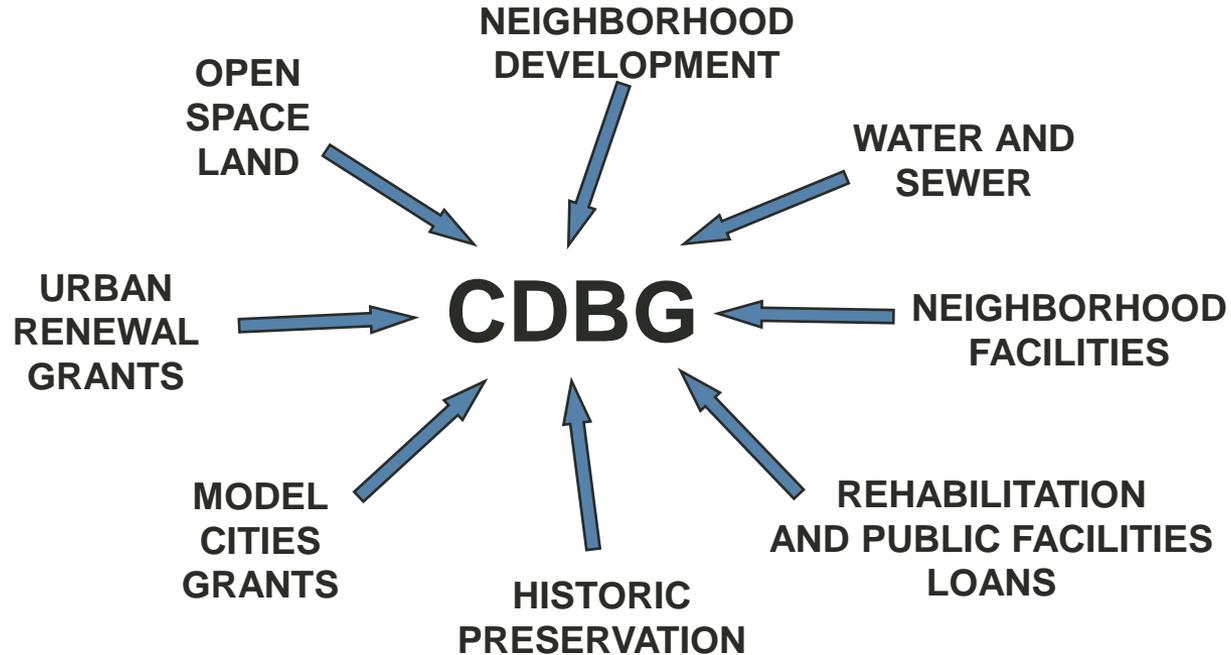


Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR) Overview





Authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974



CDBG-DR Program Overview



- Congress appropriates flexible grants to help communities recover from presidentially declared disasters
- Funding:
 - \$300 million for multiple flooding disasters in 2015
- Gap funding source
- Typical federal program requirements apply
 - Labor standards
 - Procurement
 - Environmental Review
 - Others

CDBG-DR Program Overview



New challenges but also new opportunities

- Unique requirements and processes
 - Action Plan Development
 - Low and moderate income requirements
 - National objectives
 - Others
- Unique opportunities
 - More breadth in eligible activities
 - Some projects not eligible under other sources can be funded
 - e.g. acquisitions of homes not in the floodplain
 - Housing rehab/reconstruction
 - Provide local match for FEMA HMGP 404 and other grants
 - Incorporate resilience measures into rebuilding
 - Focus on vulnerable populations

CDBG-DR Eligibility Considerations



Key questions to consider:

1. Is the project eligible under traditional CDBG?

2. How is it impacted by Duplication of Benefits?

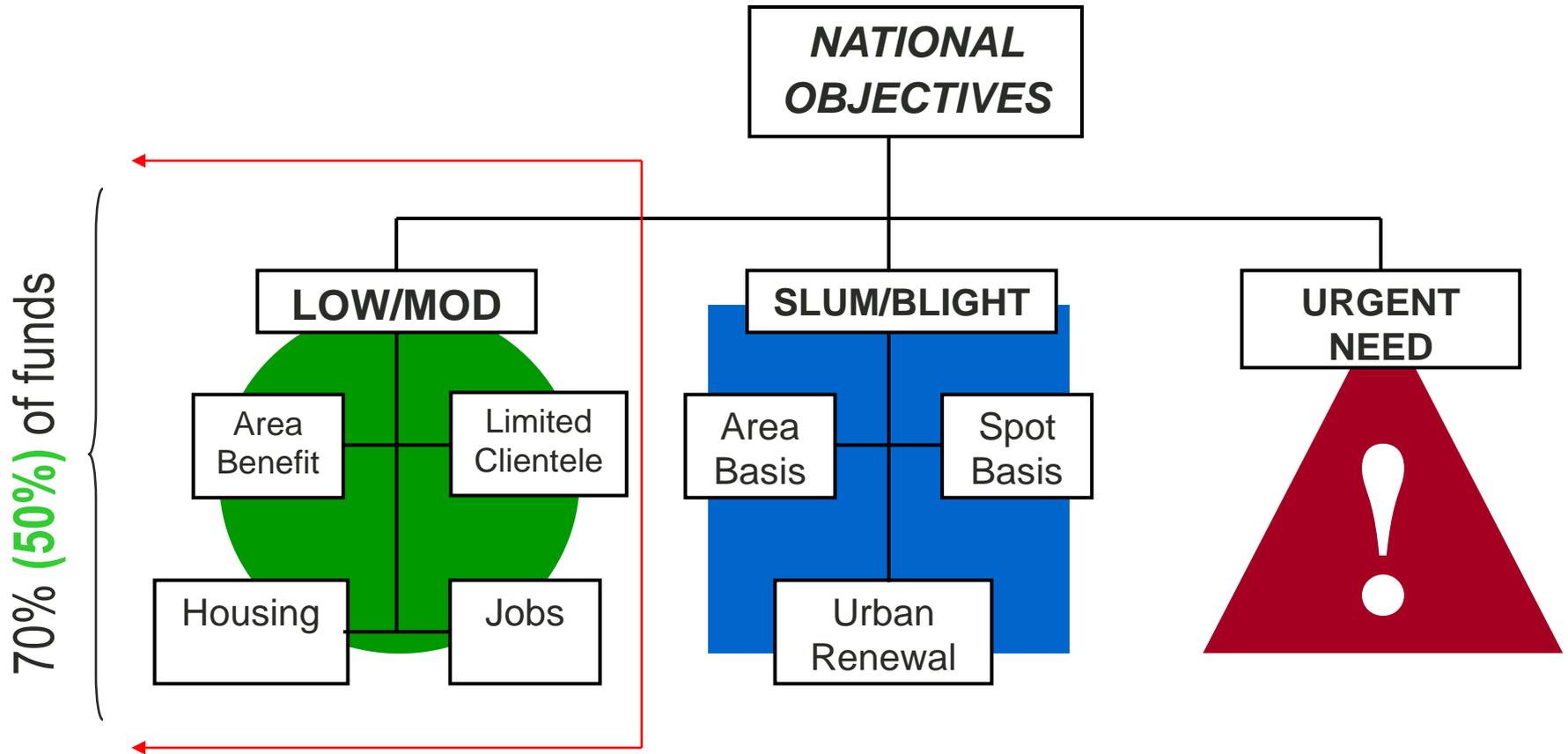
3. Is there a direct link to the disaster?

4. Is the project timeline consistent with program requirements?

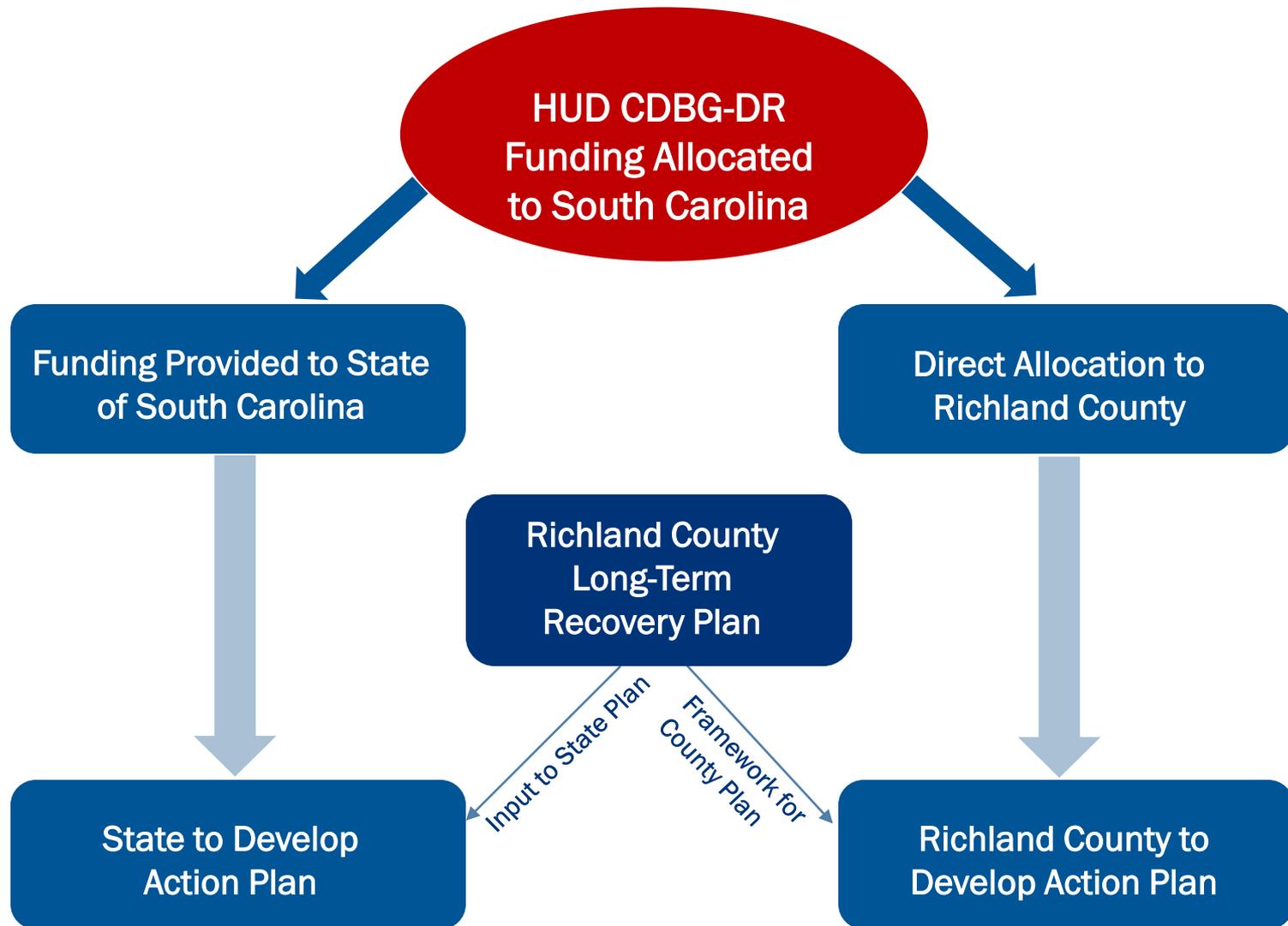
5. Will it meet a national objective?

6. Will it help to meet the low/mod income targeting requirements?

CDBG-DR Eligibility Considerations



CDBG-DR Funding Allocation Scenarios



Work Group Expectations & Responsibilities



What do we need from you?

- Local knowledge and insight
- Identification of critical issues, vision and goals
- Public and stakeholder outreach assistance
- Project identification, scoping, and prioritization
- Plan review

Long Term Recovery Plan Vision and Goals



- What is your vision for the long term health, safety and resilience of Richland County?
- What goals do you want to achieve through the LTRP process?
- What goals do you have for the CDBG-DR program?
- Preliminary Goals from the Work Group
 - **Goal:** Address the unique recovery needs and challenges of all residents of Richland County so that no one “falls through the cracks”
 - **Goal:** Provide safe housing in all areas for all residents
 - **Goal:** Achieve a comprehensive understanding of the root causes of flooding in Richland County
 - **Goal:** Position the County to better prepare for, respond to, and minimize impacts of future flood events
 - **Goal:** Ensure continuity of operations and the provision of essential services before, during and after a disaster or hazardous event
 - **Goal:** Provide tailored solutions that are most appropriate for urban, rural and all areas of the county
 - **Goal:** Achieve post-flood economic revitalization and long term economic health

Public and Stakeholder Outreach



- What are the most effective types of public outreach?
- Suggestions for locations of public meetings?
- Who should we target for stakeholder interviews?
 - Identify key groups and potential participants
 - Most effective method of communication?
 - Group interview, phone interview, survey, etc.



Long Term Recovery Plan Timeline

Step 1

- Establish a Direction for Long term Recovery
 - Data and impact analysis
 - Working Group Meeting #1 - 2/16/16
 - Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee Meeting #1 - 2/18/16
 - Inventory current projects and funding
 - Initial Visioning and Goals

Step 2

- Unmet Needs Assessment
 - Public and stakeholder outreach - Week of 3/7/16
 - Finalize Vision and Goals
 - Identify recovery gaps and additional projects

Step 3

- Project Prioritization
 - Work Group Meeting #2 - 3/16/16
 - Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee Meeting #2 - 3/17/16
 - Evaluate funding eligibility for each project
 - Develop criteria and initial prioritization of projects for most appropriate funding

Step 4

- Finalize LTRP
 - Work Group Meeting #3 - 3/23/16
 - Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee Meeting #3 - 3/24/16
 - Develop implementation strategies
 - Develop draft of final plan

Next Steps



Questions?

